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Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

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Question of human rights in Afghanistan

The General Assembly,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] the International Covenants on Human Rights[2] and accepted humanitarian rules, as set out in the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949[3] and the Additional Protocols thereto, of 1977,[4]

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and to fulfil the obligations they have freely undertaken under the various international instruments,

Recalling that Afghanistan is a party to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,[5] the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,[2] the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,[2] the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,[6] the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[7] the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War[8] and the conventions of the International Labour Organization on equal remuneration (Convention No. 100) and on the abolition of forced labour (Convention No. 105),

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).
[2] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
[3] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.
[4] Ibid., vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513.
[5] Resolution 260 A (III).
[6] Resolution 39/46, annex.
[7] Resolution 44/25, annex.
[8] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, No. 973.

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and recalling that it has signed the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[9]

Welcoming the accession of Afghanistan to the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the involvement of children in armed conflict,[10] and on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography,[11] and to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction,[12]

Recalling that, as a State party to those international instruments, Afghanistan has obligations to report on their implementation,

Recalling also all its relevant resolutions, as well as the resolutions and presidential statements of the Security Council, the decisions of the Economic and Social Council, the resolutions and decisions of the Commission on Human Rights and the resolutions of the Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling further Security Council resolutions 1333 (2000) of 19 December 2000, 1378 (2001) of 14 November 2001, 1383 (2001) of 6 December 2001, 1401 (2002) of 28 March 2002, 1413 (2002) of 23 May 2002 and 1419 (2002) of 26 June 2002 on the situation in Afghanistan,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1296 (2000) of 19 April 2000 on the protection of civilians, 1379 (2001) of 20 November 2001 on children and armed conflict, 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000 and the statements by the President of the Council of 31 October 2001[13] and 31 October 2002,[14] on women, peace and security,

Warmly welcoming the conclusion of the Agreement on Provisional Arrangements in Afghanistan Pending the Re-establishment of Permanent Government Institutions (the Bonn Agreement), signed at Bonn, Germany, by the Afghan parties, on 5 December 2001, which reaffirms the independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Afghanistan and promotes national reconciliation, lasting peace, security and respect for human rights, and stressing the important role entrusted to the United Nations in that framework,

Warmly welcoming also the election, by the Emergency Loya Jirga, in a secret ballot, of the head of State, President Hamid Karzai, and the establishment of the Afghan Transitional Authority,

Affirming the primary responsibility of the Afghan Transitional Authority, supported by the United Nations, to establish, in view of the formation of a Government, an environment of good-governance, democracy and the rule of law which:

(a) Should be broad-based, gender-sensitive, multi-ethnic and fully representative of all the Afghan people and committed to peace with all countries,

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[9] Resolution 34/180, annex.
[10] Resolution 54/263, annex II.
[11] Ibid.
[12] See CD/1478.
[13] S/PRST/2001/31.
[14] S/PRST/2002/32.

(b) Should respect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all the Afghan people, without discrimination on grounds of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, birth, descent or other status,

(c) Should respect Afghanistan's international obligations, including by cooperating fully in international efforts to combat terrorism and illicit drug trafficking within and from Afghanistan,

(d) Should facilitate the urgent delivery of humanitarian assistance and the voluntary and orderly return, in safety and dignity, of refugees and internally displaced persons,

(e) Should promote democracy and the holding of free elections,

Recognizing that the accountability of perpetrators, including their accomplices, of grave human rights violations is one of the central elements of any effective remedy for victims of human rights violations, and *recognizing* also that a fair and effective national justice system is a key factor in ensuring the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and, ultimately, reconciliation and stability within a State,

Commending the activity of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the staff of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan,

Stressing the importance of ensuring the full and effective participation of women in all decision-making processes regarding the future of Afghanistan,

Stressing also the importance of the economic reconstruction and development process and the need to ensure that it takes place in a coordinated and non-discriminatory manner, in a context of full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

1. *Welcomes* the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan[15] and endorses the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Also welcomes* the decision of the Transitional Authority to establish the Constitutional Commission to undertake, with the assistance of the United Nations, the task of drafting a new Constitution reflecting, inter alia, Afghanistan's commitment to promote and protect human rights pursuant to its obligations under the international human rights instruments;

3. *Warmly welcomes* the establishment of the Independent Human Rights Commission, which has primary responsibility for advising on the promotion and protection of human rights and developing a national programme for the implementation of the relevant section of the Bonn Agreement;

4. *Invites* the relevant bodies of the United Nations, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, within the framework of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan:

(a) To assist in the full implementation of the human rights provisions of the Bonn Agreement and the National Human Rights Programme for Afghanistan,

[15] A/57/309.

including through the establishment of an active human rights component in Afghanistan;

(b) To contribute to the work of the recently established Independent Human Rights Commission, whose responsibilities include the promotion of international human rights standards, human rights monitoring, the investigation of violations of human rights and the development of domestic human rights institutions with dedicated personnel and operative plans;

(c) To develop a human rights-based strategy addressing, in particular, issues of accountability, transitional justice, a national programme for human rights education, women's rights and the rights of the child;

5. *Commends* the steps already taken by the Transitional Authority to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, in order to guarantee, in particular, the rights of children, women and persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious or linguistic minorities and the rights to education, employment and freedom of religion and expression;

6. *Welcomes* the designation by the Transitional Authority of the members of the Judicial Commission and urges it to resume its work without delay with a view to restoring the rule of law by, inter alia, the establishment of an independent and impartial judiciary, which should function in conformity with international law standards relating to human rights;

7. *Urges* the Transitional Authority, the international community and the United Nations, in particular the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, to provide the Commissions established under the Bonn Agreement with the support necessary to fulfil their mandates;

8. *Also urges* the Transitional Authority to continue its efforts to re-establish the rule of law, including by ensuring that law enforcement agencies respect and uphold human rights and fundamental freedoms;

9. *Calls upon* the Transitional Authority to develop a culture of democracy, which includes democratic institutions as well as a free press and autonomous electronic media, all of which contribute to promote tolerance and respect for human rights;

10. *Expresses grave concern*:

(a) About the recent reports of ethnically motivated violence directed, in particular, against certain ethnic groups which are in a minority in affected areas lacking the rule of law and its enforcement machinery;

(b) About recent cases of arbitrary arrest and detention and of summary trials in some areas of the country;

(c) About recent attacks against women and girls, including rape and other forms of sexual violence, forced marriage, cases of women and girls being detained for violating social codes and attacks on girls' schools;

11. *Calls upon* the Transitional Authority and all Afghan groups, in application of the Bonn Agreement:

(a) To respect fully all human rights and fundamental freedoms without discrimination on grounds of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, birth, descent or other status;

(b) To adhere strictly to their obligations under human rights instruments and international humanitarian law, inter alia, in relation to the treatment of prisoners;

(c) To implement fully demobilization and social reintegration activities, including those related to war-affected children;

(d) To facilitate the provision of efficient and effective remedies to the victims of grave violations and abuses of human rights and of international humanitarian law and to bring the perpetrators to justice in accordance with international standards and, in particular, with a view to combating impunity;

(e) To treat all suspects and convicted or detained persons in accordance with relevant international law and to refrain from arbitrary detention in violation of international law;

(f) To facilitate the voluntary and orderly return in safety and dignity of Afghan refugees and internally displaced persons as well as their reintegration;

12. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Ministry of Women's Affairs and encourages the Transitional Authority to provide the necessary support and resources to enable the Ministry to function effectively;

13. *Urges* the Transitional Authority to give high priority to the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women[9] to bring to an end, without delay, all violations of the human rights of women and girls and to take urgent measures to ensure fully:

(a) The repeal of any legislative, institutional and other measures in place that discriminate against women and girls and those that impede the realization of their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) The full, equal and effective participation of women in civil, cultural, economic, political and social life throughout the country at all levels;

(c) Respect for the equal right of women to work and their reintegration into employment in all segments and at all levels of Afghan society;

(d) The equal right of women and girls to education without discrimination, the effective functioning of schools throughout the country and the admission of women and girls to educational programmes at all levels;

(e) Respect for the equal right of women and girls to security of person, including in the private sphere, and ensure that those responsible for physical attacks on women are brought to justice;

(f) The equal right of women and girls to access to health care;

14. *Notes with deep concern* the severity of the humanitarian crisis still affecting the country and the existence of millions of Afghan internally displaced persons and refugees;

15. *Recognizes* the huge burden shouldered by neighbouring countries, especially the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan, appreciates the efforts undertaken in those host countries to ease the plight of Afghan refugees, and

encourages them to continue cooperating with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees towards that end;

16. *Welcomes* contributions of donors to meet the requirements of the Immediate and Transitional Assistance Programme for the Afghan People 2002, urges them to fulfil promptly the funding commitments made at the International Conference on Reconstruction Assistance to Afghanistan, held in Tokyo on 21 and 22 January 2002, and invites them to provide additional resources beyond those pledged in Tokyo;

17. *Urges* the international community to provide continued assistance to ensure an effective transition, consistent with the National Development Framework, from humanitarian assistance to the establishment of a longer term social and economic recovery, with a view to meeting, in particular, the needs of internally displaced persons and returnees;

18. *Welcomes* the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and other United Nations agencies to achieve the voluntary return of 1.7 million refugees, calls upon the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue implementing its plans for the voluntary and orderly repatriation of refugees in safety and dignity, in close cooperation with the Afghan Transitional Authority and with the support of other relevant United Nations agencies, and appeals to the international community to provide additional assistance for a durable solution to this problem;

19. *Notes with appreciation* the activities carried out by the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations throughout the territory of Afghanistan;

20. *Appeals* to Member States, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, specialized agencies and other international organizations to ensure that all United Nations operations integrate a gender perspective, including in the selection of personnel for their management, and that women benefit equally with men from such programmes;

21. *Urges* the Transitional Authority and all Afghan groups to ensure the safety, security and free movement of all foreign and local United Nations and associated personnel, as well as of all foreign and local personnel of humanitarian organizations, and their safe and unimpeded access to all affected populations;

22. *Also urges* the Transitional Authority and all Afghan groups to guarantee the access to aid and to education and health facilities of all Afghans without discrimination on grounds of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, birth, descent or other status;

23. *Calls upon* the Transitional Authority and all Afghan groups to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan and all other special rapporteurs who request invitations to visit Afghanistan, and to facilitate their access to all sectors of society and to all parts of the country;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To give all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur;

(b) To ensure, in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the integration of a human rights capacity in the context of United Nations activities in Afghanistan, and also to ensure that the protection and promotion of human rights is central to the purposes and functions of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and that the Mission is fully equipped to implement effectively its human rights responsibilities under the terms of the Bonn Agreement;

25. *Invites* the Special Rapporteur to provide updates, as appropriate, of his reports on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights;

26. *Decides* to keep the situation of human rights in Afghanistan under consideration at its fifty-eighth session, in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council.

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Rights of the child

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine:* amendment to revised draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.25/Rev.1

Amend subparagraph (d) of section VII of revised draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.25/Rev.1 to read:

(d) To request the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the impact of armed conflict on children to submit to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights reports containing relevant information on the situation of children affected by armed conflict, taking into account paragraph 44 (20), under General protection, of the plan of action adopted by the General Assembly at its special session on children,[1] bearing in mind existing mandates and reports of relevant bodies.

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* In accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/250.
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Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Ethiopia:* draft resolution

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/135 of 19 December 2001,

Recalling also the provisions of its resolution 2312 (XXII) of 14 December 1967, by which it adopted the Declaration on Territorial Asylum,

Recalling further the Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa of 1969[1] and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights,[2]

Recalling the Khartoum Declaration[3] and the Recommendations on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons in Africa[4] adopted by the Organization of African Unity at the ministerial meeting held at Khartoum on 13 and 14 December 1998,

Welcoming decision CM/Dec.667 (LXXVI) on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its seventy-sixth ordinary session, held at Durban from 28 June to 6 July 2002,[5]

Welcoming also decision AHG/Dec.165 (XXXVII) on the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees adopted

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1001, No. 14691.

[2] Ibid., vol. 1520, No. 26363.

[3] A/54/682, annex I.

[4] Ibid., annex II.

[5] See A/57/___.

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by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, held at Lusaka from 9 to 11 July 2001,[6]

Recalling General Assembly resolution 57/2 of 16 September 2002 referring to the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development and affirming that international support for the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development is essential, also as it relates to refugees, returnees and displaced persons,

Reaffirming that the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees,[7] together with the 1967 Protocol thereto,[8] as complemented by the Organization of African Unity Convention of 1969, remains the foundation of the international refugee protection regime in Africa,

Recognizing that the fundamental principles and rights embodied in those Conventions have provided a resilient protection regime within which millions of refugees have been able to find safety from armed conflicts and persecution,

Welcoming in that regard the Declaration of States adopted during the Ministerial Meeting of States Parties to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, held in Geneva on 12 and 13 December 2001, as an expression of their collective commitment to full and effective implementation of the Convention and the 1967 Protocol,

Recalling the Comprehensive Implementation Plan adopted by the Special Meeting of Governmental and Non-Governmental Technical Experts convened by the Organization of African Unity and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at Conakry from 27 to 29 March 2000 on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa, and noting its endorsement by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its seventy-second ordinary session,[9]

Commending the First Ministerial Conference on Human Rights in Africa of the Organization of African Unity, held at Grand-Baie, Mauritius, from 12 to 16 April 1999, and recalling the attention paid to issues relevant to refugees and displaced persons in the Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by the Conference,

Recognizing the contributions made by African States to the development of regional standards for the protection of refugees and returnees, and noting with appreciation that countries of asylum are hosting refugees in a humanitarian spirit and in a spirit of African solidarity and brotherhood,

Recognizing also the need from States to address resolutely the root causes of forced displacement and to create conditions that facilitate durable solutions for refugees and displaced persons, and stressing in that regard the need for States to foster peace, stability and prosperity throughout the African continent to forestall large refugee flows,

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[6] See A/56/457, annex I.

[7] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545.

[8] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

[9] See A/55/286, annex I, decision CM/Dec.531 (LXXII), para. 8.

Convinced of the need to strengthen the capacity of States to provide assistance and protection for refugees, returnees and displaced persons and of the need for the international community, within the context of burden-sharing, to increase its material, financial and technical assistance to the countries affected by refugees, returnees and displaced persons and to simultaneously address the inadequacies of existing assistance arrangements and to support initiatives,

Acknowledging with appreciation that some assistance is already rendered by the international community to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and host countries in Africa,

Deeply concerned about the continuing critical humanitarian situation in African countries, in particular in the Horn of Africa and Southern Africa, aggravated mainly by persistent natural disasters, including drought, floods and desertification, which can precipitate the displacement of people,

Noting with great concern that, despite all the efforts deployed so far by the United Nations, the African Union and others, the situation of refugees and displaced persons in Africa remains precarious,

Stressing that the provision of relief and assistance to African refugees by the international community should be on equitable and non-discriminatory basis,

Considering that, among refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons, women and children are the majority of the population affected by conflict and bear the brunt of atrocities and other consequences of conflict,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General[10] and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;[11]

2. *Notes with concern* that the declining socio-economic situation, compounded by political instability, internal strife, human rights violations and natural disasters, has led to increased numbers of refugees and displaced persons in some countries of Africa, and remains particularly concerned about the impact of large-scale refugee populations on the security, socio-economic situation and environment of countries of asylum;

3. *Encourages* African States to ensure the full implementation of and follow-up to the Comprehensive Implementation Plan adopted by the Special Meeting of Governmental and Non-Governmental Technical Experts convened by the Organization of African Unity and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at Conakry from 27 to 29 March 2000, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Organization of African Unity Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa of 1969;[9]

4. *Calls upon* States and other parties to armed conflict to observe scrupulously the letter and the spirit of international humanitarian law, bearing in mind that armed conflict is one of the principal causes of forced displacement in Africa;

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[10] A/57/324.

[11] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12* (A/57/12).

5. *Expresses its appreciation* for the leadership shown by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees since assuming office in January 2001, and commends the Office of the High Commissioner for the ongoing efforts, with the support of the international community, to assist African countries of asylum and to respond to the protection and assistance needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa;

6. *Takes note* of the Ministerial Meeting of States Parties to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees held in Geneva on 12 and 13 December 2001, as an expression of their collective commitment to full and effective implementation of the Convention[7] and Protocol;[8]

7. *Welcomes* the contribution of the process of the Global Consultations on International Protection to strengthening the international framework for refugee protection and equipping States to better address the challenges in a spirit of dialogue and cooperation, and welcomes in that connection the agenda for protection;

8. *Reaffirms* that the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees, as complemented by the Organization of African Unity Convention of 1969, remain the foundation of the international refugee protection regime in Africa, encourages African States that have not yet done so to accede to those instruments, and calls upon States parties to the Conventions to reaffirm their commitment to their ideals and to respect and observe their provisions;

9. *Notes* the need for States to address the root causes of forced displacement in Africa, and calls upon African States, the international community and relevant United Nations organizations to take concrete action to meet the needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons for protection and assistance and to contribute generously to national projects and programmes aimed at alleviating their plight;

10. *Also notes* the link, inter alia, between human rights violations, poverty, natural disasters and environmental degradation and population displacement, and calls for redoubled and concerted efforts by States, in collaboration with the African Union, to promote and protect human rights for all and to address those problems;

11. *Encourages* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, within their respective mandates, in the promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing mediation and conflict resolution efforts carried out by African States, the African Union and subregional organizations, as well as the establishment of regional mechanisms for conflict prevention and resolution, and urges all relevant parties to address the humanitarian consequences of conflicts;

13. *Expresses its appreciation and strong support* for those African Governments and local populations that, in spite of the general deterioration of socio-economic and environmental conditions and overstretched national resources, continue to accept the additional burden imposed upon them by increasing numbers

of refugees and displaced persons, in compliance with the relevant principles of asylum;

14. *Welcomes* the decision of African heads of State and Government to address the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa within the context of the New Partnership for African Development;

15. *Expresses its concern* about instances in which the fundamental principles of asylum is jeopardized by unlawful expulsion or refoulement or by threats to the life, physical security, integrity, dignity and well-being of refugees;

16. *Calls upon* States, in cooperation with international organizations, within their mandates, to take all necessary measures to ensure respect for the principles of refugee protection, and in particular to ensure that the civilian and humanitarian nature of refugee camps is not compromised by the presence or the activities of armed elements;

17. *Deplores* the deaths and injuries and other forms of violence sustained by staff members of the Office of the High Commissioner; urges States parties to conflict and all other relevant actors to take all necessary measures to protect activities related to humanitarian assistance, to prevent attacks on and kidnapping of national and international humanitarian workers, and to ensure their safety and security; calls upon States to investigate fully any crime committed against humanitarian personnel and to bring to justice persons responsible for such crimes; and calls upon organizations and aid workers to abide by the national laws and regulations of the countries in which they operate;

18. *Condemns* any exploitation of refugees, especially their sexual exploitation, and calls for bringing to justice those responsible for such deplorable acts;

19. *Welcomes* the decision by the Office of the High Commissioner and other humanitarian organizations to put into place a code of conduct for humanitarian personnel aiming at preventing the exploitation of refugees, especially in the area of sexual exploitation;

20. *Calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner, the African Union, subregional organizations and all African States, in conjunction with agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international community, to strengthen and revitalize existing partnerships and forge new ones in support of the international refugee protection system;

21. *Calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner, the international community and other concerned entities to intensify their support to African Governments through appropriate capacity-building activities, including training of relevant officers, disseminating information about refugee instruments and principles, providing financial, technical and advisory services to accelerate the enactment or amendment and implementation of legislation relating to refugees, strengthening emergency response and enhancing capacities for the coordination of humanitarian activities;

22. *Reaffirms* the right of return and also the principle of voluntary repatriation, appeals to countries of origin and countries of asylum to create conditions that are conducive to voluntary repatriation, and recognizes that, while voluntary repatriation remains the pre-eminent solution, when appropriate, feasible

local integration and third country resettlement, as appropriate, are also viable options for dealing with the situation of African refugees who, owing to prevailing circumstances in their respective countries of origin, are unable to return home;

23. *Notes with satisfaction* the voluntary return of millions of refugees to their homelands following the successful repatriation and reintegration operations carried out by the Office of the High Commissioner, with the cooperation and collaboration of countries hosting refugees and countries of origin, and looks forward to other programmes to assist the voluntary repatriation and reintegration of all refugees in Africa;

24. *Appeals* to the international community to respond positively, in the spirit of solidarity and burden-sharing, to the third country resettlement requests of African refugees, and notes with appreciation that some African countries have offered resettlement places for refugees;

25. *Calls upon* the international donor community to provide financial and material assistance for the implementation of community-based development programmes in refugee-hosting areas, in agreement with host countries, which benefit both refugees and host communities, as appropriate;

26. *Welcomes* the programmes carried out by the Office of the High Commissioner with host Governments, the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and the international community to address the environmental and socio-economic impact of refugee populations;

27. *Calls upon* the international donor community to provide material and financial assistance for the implementation of programmes intended for the rehabilitation of the environment and infrastructure affected by refugees in countries of asylum;

28. *Expresses its concern* about the long stay of refugees in certain African countries, and calls upon the Office of the High Commissioner to keep its programmes under review, in conformity with its mandate in the host countries, taking into account the increasing needs of refugees;

29. *Emphasizes* the need for the Office of the High Commissioner to collate statistics, on a regular basis, on the number of refugees living outside refugee camps in certain African countries with a view to evaluating and addressing the needs of those refugees;

30. *Urges* the international community, in a spirit of international solidarity and burden-sharing, to continue to fund generously the refugee programmes of the Office of the High Commissioner and, taking into account the substantially increased needs of programmes in Africa, to ensure that Africa receives a fair and equitable share of the resources designated for refugees;

31. *Requests* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to pay particular attention to meeting the special needs of refugee women and children and displaced persons, including those with special protection needs;

32. *Calls upon* States and the Office of the High Commissioner to make renewed efforts to ensure that the rights, need and dignity of elderly refugees are fully respected and addressed through appropriate programme activities;

33. *Expresses grave concern* about the plight of internally displaced persons in Africa, calls upon States to take concrete action to pre-empt internal displacement and to meet the protection and assistance needs of internally displaced persons, recalls in that regard the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement,[12] and urges the international community, led by relevant United Nations organizations, to contribute generously to national projects and programmes aimed at alleviating the plight of internally displaced persons;

34. *Invites* the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons to continue his ongoing dialogue with Member States and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in accordance with his mandate, and to include information thereon in his reports to the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly;

35. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, taking fully into account the efforts expanded by countries of asylum, under the item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions", and to present an oral report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003.

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[12] E/CN.4/1998/53/Add.2, annex.

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New international humanitarian order

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/73 of 4 December 2000 and those preceding it concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order and cooperation in the humanitarian field,[1]

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General[2] and his previous reports[3] containing the views of Governments and of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Recalling its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 on the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations, and the annex thereto,

Noting with appreciation the continuing efforts of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the context of the international response to emergencies,

Bearing in mind that, as stated in the preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[4] the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

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[1] Resolutions 36/136, 37/201, 38/125, 40/126, 42/120, 42/121, 43/129, 43/130, 45/101, 45/102, 47/106, 49/170, 51/74 and 53/124.

[2] A/57/583.

[3] A/37/145, A/38/450, A/40/358, and Add.1 and 2, A/41/472, A/43/734 and Add.1, A/45/524, A/47/352, A/49/577 and Corr.1, A/51/454, A/53/486 and A/55/545.

[4] Resolution 217 A (III).

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Reaffirming the importance of adherence to internationally accepted norms and principles and the need to promote, as required, national and international legislation to meet actual and potential humanitarian challenges,

Noting the emphasis placed by the Secretary-General on promoting a culture of compliance and strict adherence to refugee law, international humanitarian law and human rights instruments,

Recognizing the importance of action at the national and regional levels and the role that regional organizations can play to prevent and contain humanitarian crises,

Aware of the important role that non-governmental agencies and the private sector can play in the humanitarian context,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/32 of 26 July 2002 on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General in the humanitarian field and urges Governments to assist him in promoting an international humanitarian order corresponding to new realities and challenges;

2. *Invites* Governments to provide expertise and the resources to identify the building blocks of such an order, to strengthen the early warning system at the national and international levels, to ensure adequate preparedness for prevention or containment of humanitarian crises and to take the necessary measures in addition to the ongoing activities;

3. *Reiterates* that international cooperation in the humanitarian field facilitates better understanding, mutual respect, confidence and tolerance among countries and peoples, thus contributing to a more just and non-violent world;

4. *Recognizes* that institutional arrangements and actions by governmental and non-governmental bodies require further strengthening as well as adjustment to new realities, in order to respond more effectively and speedily to contemporary humanitarian problems;

5. *Invites* the Member States, the Secretary-General and the United Nations system to strengthen the capacities of regional and subregional organizations in the context of the response to complex humanitarian crises;

6. *Encourages* the private sector and non-governmental bodies to assist and support national and international efforts to respond to humanitarian challenges and to alleviate human suffering;

7. *Invites* the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues to further reinforce its activities and its cooperation with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and the other relevant bodies of the United Nations system;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain in contact with Governments and the relevant governmental and non-governmental bodies and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the progress made concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order and compliance with refugee law, international humanitarian law and human rights instruments in armed conflicts and emergency situations.

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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2003-2004

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 46/140 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly reaffirmed the recommendations on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee contained in its resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and recommended further rationalization measures, as outlined in annex I to resolution 46/140.

2. The present document contains, in annex I, measures on the organization of work of the Third Committee and, in annex II, the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2003-2004. The draft programme has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Third Committee has taken action. The information in the annexes will be updated orally by the Secretariat when they are considered by the Committee.

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Annex I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items under the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed 15 minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that draft resolutions on the status of the treaties not be submitted separately but be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item	
2.	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly.
3.	Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family.
4.	Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.
5.	Crime prevention and criminal justice.
6.	International drug control.
7.	Advancement of women.
8.	Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".
9.	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.
10.	Promotion and protection of the rights of children.
11.	Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.
12.	Elimination of racism and racial discrimination.[a]
13.	Right of peoples to self-determination.[a]
14.	Human rights questions:[b,c]
	(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

[a] Items 12 and 13 are to be discussed jointly; delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[b] Sub-items (a) and (d) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (e) are to be discussed jointly.

[c] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below.[d]

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Annual

Item 3
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family

Biennial

World social situation (odd years), (General Assembly resolution 56/177, para. 14)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (even years, A/C.3/57/L.13/Rev.1)

[d] References to "odd years" and "even years" refer to calendar years.

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

United Nations literacy decade (odd years)

Family (odd years)

Cooperatives in social development (odd years)

International Year of Volunteers (2005)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2007)

Item 4
Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Annual

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (2003)

Item 5
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2003)

Combating the criminal misuse of information technologies (2003) (General Assembly resolution 56/121)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2005)

Item 6
International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug

Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 7
Advancement of women

Annual

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system

United Nations Development Fund for Women

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (2003)

Biennial

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (even years)

Elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (2004)

Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2004)

Item 8
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

Item 9
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Biennial

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (2003)

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (2003) (General Assembly resolution 56/134)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2007)

Item 10
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; plight of children living and/or working on the streets; the girl child

Biennial

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 11
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 12
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2002)

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (article 9 of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2016 A (X)))

Biennial

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 13
Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

Item 14
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (even years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order (General Assembly resolution 56/151)

Right to development

Protection of migrants

Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights

Human rights and cultural diversity

Declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of humanitarian character

Right to food

Comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (2004) (A/C.3/57/L.69)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (even years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2003)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Annex II

Draft biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 2003-2004

2003

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2
Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/C.3/57/L.14/Rev.1, para. 10)

Item 3
Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, disabled persons and the family

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report on the World Social Situation (General Assembly resolution 56/177, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (General Assembly resolution 56/114, para. 8)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (General Assembly resolution 56/115, para. 16)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth (General Assembly resolution 56/117, paras. 11 and 22)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (A/C.3/57/L.6, para. 10)[a]

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[a] Through the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting youth employment, including on the progress achieved by the Youth Employment Network (A/C.3/57/L.12, para. 4)

Item 4
Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/C.3/57/L.15/Rev.1, para. 18)

Item 5
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/C.3/57/L.5, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Centre for International Crime Prevention (A/C.3/57/L.2, para. 7), including proposals on organizing the high-level political conference for the purpose of signing the United Nations convention against corruption to be held in Mexico for a period of three days before the end of 2003 (A/C.3/57/L.3, paras. 2-5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/C.3/57/L.5, para. 14)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/C.3/57/L.8, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (A/C.3/57/L.10, para. 20)

Item 6
International drug control

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the quinquennial evaluation of the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session and international cooperation against the world drug problem (General Assembly resolution 55/65, para. 13, and A/C.3/57/L.9, sect. IV, para. 8)

Item 7
Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124 and A/C.3/57/L.19, para. 23)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (General Assembly resolution 56/131, para. 17)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (General Assembly resolution 56/129, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (General Assembly resolution 56/128, para. 5 (b))

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (A/C.3/57/L.21, paras. 6 (i) and 11)

Final report of the Working Group on the Future Operations of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the follow-up to the implementation of its recommendations (A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, para. 9 (b))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of older women in society (A/C.3/57/L.18, para. 10)

Item 8
Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 56/132 and A/C.3/57/L.28, para. 28)[a]

Item 9
Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (General Assembly resolution 56/134, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (General Assembly resolution 56/136, para. 12)

Item 10
Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child (A/C.3/57/L.25/Rev.1, sect. VII (c))

Report of the Secretary-General on the girl child (A/C.3/57/L.24/Rev.1, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General: comprehensive assessment of the scope and effectiveness of the United Nations system response, including recommendations for strengthening, mainstreaming and sustaining these activities (A/C.3/57/L.25/Rev.1, sect. V, para. 3)

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the impact of armed conflict on children (A/C.3/57/L.25/Rev.1, sect. VII (d))

Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the final document of the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly, entitled "A World Fit for Children" (A/C.3/57/L.25/Rev.1, sect. VII (a))

Item 11
Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade (General Assembly resolution 56/140, para. 4 (c) and A/C.3/57/L.27, para. 11)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 12
Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (including recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade (A/C.3/57/L.34, para. 32))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination ((article 9 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination) (General Assembly resolution 2016 A (XX)))

Report of the Secretary-General on the extent of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and coordination of activities (A/C.3/57/L.34, para. 31)

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/C.3/57/L.34, para. 48)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/C.3/57/L.34, para. 47)

(a) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.3/57/L.34, para. 49)

Item 13
Right of peoples to self-determination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/C.3/57/L.33, para. 6)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries to undermine the right of peoples to self-determination (A/C.3/57/L.31, para. 15)

Item 14
Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/C.3/57/L.36, para. 29)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 56/144, para. 29)

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex, article 24)

Report of Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/C.3/57/L.37, para. 8)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 56/158, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (General Assembly resolution 56/159, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (General Assembly resolution 56/160, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (General Assembly resolution 56/162, para. 16)

Report by the representative of the Secretary-General on protection and assistance to internally displaced persons (General Assembly resolution 56/164, para. 16)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (General Assembly resolution 56/164, para. 13)

Comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/C.3/57/L.40, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/C.3/57/L.44, para. 12)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights education (A/C.3/57/L.45, para. 5)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (A/C.3/57/L.47, para. 19)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/C.3/57/L.41, para. 14)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the progress made towards the achievement of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (A/C.3/57/L.54, para. 24)

(Draft legally binding normative instrument for the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance (A/C.3/57/L.57, para. 23))

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/C.3/57/L.60, para. 18)

Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the protection of migrants (A/C.3/57/L.60, para. 18)

Report of the Secretary-General on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/C.3/57/L.61, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the views and information from Member States on the implications and negative effects of unilateral coercive measures on their populations (A/C.3/57/L.64, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/C.3/57/L.65, para. 33)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role and achievements of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/C.3/57/L.67, sect. V, para. 2)

Interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (A/C.3/57/L.68, para. 18)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights in the administration of justice (General Assembly resolution 56/161, para. 15)

Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (A/C.3/57/L.51, para. 12)

Promotion of the right of peoples to peace (A/C.3/57/L.58, para. 9)

Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character (A/C.3/57/L.59, para. 6)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (A/C.3/57/L.66, para. 9)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.3/57/L.48, para. 6)

Report of the special rapporteurs on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/C.3/57/L.50, para. 8 (b))

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Situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/C.3/57/L.43, para. 7)

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Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Report of the Secretary-General on working towards the elimination of crimes against women committed in the name of honour (A/C.3/57/L.20/Rev.1, para. 6)

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[b] The programme of work and documentation for 2004 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 2003.

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[a]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolutions 45/124 and 56/229, para. 19)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/C.3/57/L.32, sect. III, para. 7)

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Documentation

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Interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation worldwide in regard to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (A/C.3/57/L.56, para. 23)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law and the recommendation of the World Conference on Human Rights (A/C.3/57/L.63, para. 13)

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Missing persons (A/C.3/57/L.46, para. 10)

Human rights and extreme poverty (A/C.3/57/L.53, para. 11)

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Draft decision submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

Award of human rights prizes in 2003

The General Assembly, considering that 2003 will mark the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] bearing in mind the need to promote universal observance and enjoyment of human rights and recalling its resolution 2217 (XXI) of 19 December 1966, in which it approved the awarding of prizes in the field of human rights, decides to request the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the awarding of human rights prizes in a plenary meeting on 10 December 2003, in accordance with recommendation C of the annex to resolution 2217 (XXI).

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).

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Cyprus, Kenya and Yemen: draft resolution

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 2002/288 of 25 July 2002 concerning the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Taking note also of the requests regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee contained in the note verbale dated 3 October 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,[1] in the note verbale dated 19 October 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General[2] and in the letter dated 12 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,[3]

1. *Decides* to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from sixty-one to sixty-four States;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to elect the additional members at its resumed organizational session for 2003.

[1] E/2002/8.
[2] E/2002/7.
[3] E/2002/75.

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draft resolution

Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/104 of 12 December 1997, in which it decided to review, not later than at its fifty-seventh session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 2003,

Recognizing the need for concerted international action on behalf of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

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Considering the outstanding work that has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in providing international protection and material assistance to refugees and displaced persons as well as in promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

Noting with deep appreciation the effective manner in which the Office of the High Commissioner has been dealing with various essential humanitarian tasks entrusted to it,

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 2004;

2. *Also decides* to review, not later than at its sixty-second session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 2008;

3. *Further decides* to consider at its fifty-eighth session proposals by the High Commissioner on the basis of his report, prepared in consultation with the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme and the Secretary-General, regarding the strengthening of the capacity of the Office to carry out its mandate.

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Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office[1] and the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the work of its fifty-third session[2] and the conclusions and decisions contained therein,

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12* (A/57/12).
[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 12A* (A/57/12/Add.1).

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Recalling its previous annual resolutions on the work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees since its establishment by the General Assembly,[3]

Expressing its appreciation for the leadership shown by the High Commissioner, and commending the staff and implementing partners of the Office of the High Commissioner for the competent, courageous and dedicated manner in which they discharge their responsibilities,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the work of its fifty-third session;

2. *Welcomes* the important work undertaken by the Office of the High Commissioner and its Executive Committee in the course of the year, and notes in this context the "Conclusion on the civilian and humanitarian character of asylum", the "Conclusion on reception of asylum-seekers in the context of individual asylum systems" and the progress achieved with respect to recognizing the important contribution of host developing countries; welcomes also the importance attached to cooperation with the New Partnership for Africa's Development; welcomes further the active engagement of the Office of the High Commissioner in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee task force on protection from sexual exploitation and the drafting of a policy on sexual exploitation and encourages the Office of the High Commissioner to continue combating such practices; finally welcomes the renewed efforts undertaken by the Office of the High Commissioner to promote durable solutions for refugees;

3. *Notes* that the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol[4] have continuously served as the cornerstone of the international refuge protection regime, and welcomes in this context the Declaration of States parties adopted during the ministerial meeting to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Convention, as an expression of their collective commitment to full and effective implementation of the Convention and Protocol and to the values they embody;

4. *Reaffirms* that the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol remain the foundation of the international refugee regime and recognizes the importance of their full application by States parties, notes with satisfaction that one hundred and forty-four States are now parties to one instrument or to both, encourages States not parties to consider acceding to those instruments, underlines in particular the importance of full respect for the principle of non-refoulement, and recognizes that a number of States not party to the international refugee instruments have shown a generous approach to hosting refugees;

5. *Notes* that fifty-four States are now parties to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons[5] and that twenty-six States are parties to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness[6] and encourages the High Commissioner to continue his activities on behalf of stateless persons;

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[3] Res. 428 (V).
[4] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.
[5] Ibid., vol. 360, No. 5158.
[6] Ibid., vol. 989, No. 14458.

6. *Welcomes* the contribution of the process of the Global Consultations on International Protection to strengthening the international framework for refugee protection and equipping States better to address the challenges in a spirit of dialogue and cooperation; and welcomes in this connection the Agenda for Protection;[7]

7. *Reiterates* that international protection is a dynamic and action-oriented function, carried out in cooperation with States and other partners, inter alia, to promote and facilitate the admission, reception and treatment of refugees and to ensure durable, protection-oriented solutions, bearing in mind the particular needs of vulnerable groups;

8. *Re-emphasizes* that the protection of refugees is primarily the responsibility of States, whose full and effective cooperation, action and political resolve are required to enable the Office of the High Commissioner to fulfil its mandated functions;

9. *Urges* all States and relevant non-governmental and other organizations, in conjunction with the Office of the High Commissioner, in a spirit of international solidarity and burden- and responsibility-sharing, to cooperate and to mobilize resources with a view to enhancing the capacity of, and reducing the heavy burden borne by countries that have received large numbers of refugees and asylum-seekers, and calls upon the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to play its catalytic role in mobilizing assistance from the international community to address the root causes as well as the economic, environmental and social impact of large-scale refugee populations in developing countries, particularly least developed countries, and countries with economies in transition;

10. *Strongly reaffirms* the fundamental importance and the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the function of the Office of the High Commissioner of providing international protection to refugees and seeking permanent solutions to refugee problems; recalls that these solutions include voluntary repatriation and, when appropriate and feasible, local integration and resettlement in a third country; reaffirming that voluntary repatriation remains the preferred solution, supported by necessary rehabilitation and development assistance to facilitate sustainable reintegration;

11. *Emphasizes* the obligation of all States to accept the return of their nationals; calls upon States to facilitate the return of their nationals determined not to be in need of international protection; and affirms the need for the return of persons to be undertaken in a safe and humane manner and with full respect for their human rights and dignity, irrespective of the status of the persons concerned;

[7] *Supplement No. 12A* (A/57/12/Add.1, annex ...).

12. *Recognizes* that in order for the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to fulfil the mandate conferred upon it through its Statute and by subsequent General Assembly resolutions concerning refugees and other persons of concern,[8] adequate and timely resources are essential; urges Governments and other donors to respond promptly to the Global Appeal issued by his Office for requirements under its annual programme budget;

13. *Requests* the High Commissioner to report on his activities to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

[8] See www.unhcr.ch (Executive Committee — General Assembly resolutions).

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Extrajudicial summary or arbitrary executions

Sudan:* amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56

1. Replace operative paragraph 6 with the following text:

"6. *Reaffirms* the obligation of Governments to ensure the protection of the right to life of all persons under their jurisdiction, and calls upon Governments concerned to investigate promptly and thoroughly all cases of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, inter alia, for any discriminatory reasons, to bring those responsible to justice before a competent, independent and impartial judiciary, and to ensure that such executions are neither condoned nor sanctioned by governmental officials or personnel;".

2. Replace operative paragraphs 11 and 12 with the following new operative paragraph 11:

"11. *Takes note* of the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights to the General Assembly and the recommendations contained therein, while being mindful that future reports should remain within the mandate of the Special Rapporteur;".

3. Replace old operative paragraph 13 (now new operative paragraph 12) with the following text:

"12. *Recalls* that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 2001/45 requested the Special Rapporteur, in carrying out her mandate:

"(a) To continue to examine situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and to submit her findings on an annual basis, together with conclusions and recommendations, to the Commission, as well as such

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other reports as the Special Rapporteur deemed necessary in order to keep the Commission informed about serious situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions that warranted its immediate attention;

"(b) To respond effectively to information that came before her, in particular when an extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution was imminent or seriously threatened or when such an execution had occurred;

"(c) To enhance further her dialogue with Governments, as well as to follow up on recommendations made in reports after visits to particular countries;

"(d) To continue to pay special attention to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions of children and to allegations concerning violations of the right to life in the context of violence against participants in demonstrations and other peaceful public manifestations or against persons belonging to minorities;

"(e) To pay special attention to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions where the victims were individuals carrying out peaceful activities in defence of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"(f) To continue monitoring the implementation of existing international standards on safeguards and restrictions relating to the imposition of capital punishment, bearing in mind the comments made by the Human Rights Committee in its interpretation of article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as well as the Second Optional Protocol thereto;

"(g) To apply a gender perspective in her work;".

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"11. *Notes* the interim report and recommendations by the Special Rapporteur to the General Assembly, while being mindful that future reports should remain within the mandate of the Special Rapporteur;".

3. Replace old operative paragraph 13 (now new operative paragraph 12) with the following text:

"12. *Recalls* the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, as reiterated in Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/45 and endorsed by Economic and Social Council decision 2001/266, which stipulated the following:

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"(a) To continue to examine situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and to submit her findings on an annual basis, together with conclusions and recommendations, to the Commission, as well as such other reports as the Special Rapporteur deemed necessary in order to keep the Commission informed about serious situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions that warranted its immediate attention;

"(b) To respond effectively to information that came before her, in particular when an extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary execution was imminent or seriously threatened or when such an execution had occurred;

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"(g) To apply a gender perspective in her work;".

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Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Egypt, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Sudan: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.56

Amendment to the third preambular paragraph:

Delete: ", and resolutions on the subject by the Commission on Human Rights, and taking note of its latest resolution 2002/36 of 22 April 2002", delete note 4 and renumber subsequent notes.

Amendment to paragraph 9:

Delete ", as well as members of United Nations peacekeeping or observer missions,"

Replace paragraph 14 with the following:

"*Recognizes* the importance of raising awareness towards the elimination of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, for which impunity should neither be condoned nor tolerated, and stressing that extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions are a flagrant violation of human rights, in particular the right to life, of which no one should be arbitrarily deprived;"

Deletion of paragraph 19

Delete paragraph 19 and renumber all subsequent paragraphs.

Amendment to paragraph 23:

In the first line, after the words "an interim report to the General Assembly" insert the words ", bearing in mind her mandate as contained in Commission resolution 2001/45, endorsed by Economic and Social Council decision 2001/266,".

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Advancement of women

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Summary

1. By draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, the General Assembly would endorse the recommendation made by the Working Group on the Future Operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and would request the Secretary-General to implement the measures recommended by the Working Group in that regard (A/57/330).

2. The amount of $500,000 from the regular budget 2002-2003 which would be entailed by the provisions of the draft resolution would not be sufficient to enable INSTRAW to continue its operations even at the current minimum level. Nor is it anticipated that the resources required to enable INSTRAW to operate in 2003 could be provided using existing resources approved in the regular programme budget for 2002-2003. The additional requirements of $500,000 would therefore represent a charge against the contingency fund and would be subject to the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211. The additional amount of $1,309,500 should be provided from voluntary contributions.

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1. Under operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, the General Assembly would endorse the recommendation made by the Working Group on the Future Operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and would request the Secretary-General to implement the measures recommended by the Working Group in this regard (see A/57/330, para. 57).

2. In paragraph 57 of its report (A/57/330), the Working Group recommended the linkage of INSTRAW to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, under the direct authority of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. In that connection, the Working Group recommended that the following measures, inter alia, be adopted:

(a) Inviting the Economic and Social Council to amend the statute of INSTRAW in accordance with paragraphs 52, 53, and 55 of the report of the Working Group;

(b) Allocating an amount of $500,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations to finance the core activities of the Institute so as to give it the same status as other institutes of the United Nations system;

(c) Examining the feasibility of establishing an advisory board composed of Member States to replace the Board of Trustees;

(d) Creating the post of Deputy Director with specific fund-raising responsibilities;

(e) Establishing a liaison for INSTRAW in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

3. The report of the Working Group was submitted to the General Assembly in documents A/57/330 and Add.1. In his note on the situation of INSTRAW submitted in accordance with rule 112 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/57/452), the Secretary-General indicated, inter alia, that the provision to INSTRAW of $500,000 from the regular budget to finance its core activities, as recommended by the Working Group, would be sufficient to cover only the salaries and common staff costs of the four Professional posts (one D-2, one P-4, one P-3 and one P-2/1) currently on the staffing table of INSTRAW for one year, with no funds remaining to cover supporting operating expenses. It was estimated in the note that approximately $1,400,000 per year would be needed to fund the Institute's activities at the current minimum level of activities. Subsequently, other proposals before the Committee would mean that that estimate would require upward adjustment.

4. Taking into account all the current provisions contained in paragraph 57 of the report of the Working Group, it is estimated that the total amount of $1,809,500 per year would be needed in that regard. The elements to be funded within that amount are as follows: (a) $500,000 for the four current Professional posts (one D-2, one P-4, one P-3 and one P-2/1); (b) $176,000 for the new post of a Deputy Director; (c) $285,000 for the four current General Service posts; (d) $208,500 per annum to provide for minimal administrative resource requirements, including general operating expenses; (e) $400,000 to enable the Institute to carry out minimal substantive activities, including consultancy, travel and general temporary assistance resources; and (f) $240,000 for a liaison unit for INSTRAW in New York, including

the annual costs of one Professional and one General Service post ($202,800) and rental of office space, equipment, supplies and materials, travel resources etc. ($37,200).

5. There are no resources provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 which could be made available to finance INSTRAW operations in 2003. Any amount that the General Assembly may decide to allocate to enable the Institute to continue its operations in 2003 would need, therefore, to be provided through an additional appropriation in the context of operations of the contingency fund established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213.

6. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, that decision would give rise to additional requirements of $500,000 for the biennium 2002-2003 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. The provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund, and as such would require an increase in appropriations for the biennium 2002-2003. Consequently, an additional provision, amounting to $1,309,500, would be required over and above the regular budget resources available under section 9, Economic and social affairs. The amount of $1,309,500 should be provided from as yet unidentified voluntary contributions.

7. The General Assembly, in its resolution 45/248, part B, section VI, inter alia, expressed its concern at the tendency of its substantive committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. In line with its responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, the Fifth Committee will determine how to meet the requirements arising from the decisions of the Third Committee.

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The situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.48

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.48, the General Assembly would, inter alia, request the Secretary-General to continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and people of Myanmar; to submit additional reports to the General Assembly during its fifty-seventh session on the progress of those discussions; and to report to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.

Relationship of the proposed request to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

2. The above request relates to subprogramme 1.1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 1, Political affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. In his report to the General Assembly (A/57/484), the Secretary-General, inter alia, called upon the international community to continue to respond appropriately and proportionately to developments in the national reconciliation process in Myanmar. He also indicated that, for his part, he stood ready to continue to do his utmost in facilitating the process of national reconciliation in Myanmar, together with the assistance of all interested Member States.

4. Consistent with the request contained in paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.48, the efforts of the Secretary-General would be continued during 2003 in order to build upon the positive momentum generated to date and to facilitate

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further dialogue among all interested parties in Myanmar towards national reconciliation process. Those efforts would be carried out as part of the activities of his good offices through the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General in Myanmar, and would include contacts and consultations with various parties in Myanmar. The Special Envoy would work closely with the members of United Nations country team whose programmes in Myanmar complement the good offices role in facilitating the national reconciliation process. The exchange of views with representatives of ethnic nationalities, the diplomatic corps and international non-governmental organizations in Myanmar would also be continued.

Estimated resource requirements

5. The estimated costs of continuing the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General through his Special Envoy for Myanmar for a one-year period from 1 January to 31 December 2003 amount to $307,400 net ($372,600 gross), including the provision of salary for the Special Envoy, on a when-actually-employed basis, and the salaries and common staff costs of two staff, who would provide support to the Special Envoy; the official travel of the Special Envoy to Myanmar, neighbouring countries in the region, Europe and North America, including United Nations Headquarters; and miscellaneous services in support of his mission. Substantive and administrative support to the Special Envoy would also be provided by the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

6. A review of the expenditures relating to the activities of the Special Envoy in 2002 indicates that, out of a total of $277,900 in existing appropriation for 2002, an estimated amount of $143,500 is expected to remain unencumbered at the end of 2002. After taking that balance into account, the overall additional requirements for the activities of the Special Envoy from 1 January to 31 December 2003 amount to $163,900 net ($229,100 gross).

Action required from the General Assembly

7. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.48, additional provisions in the amount of $163,900 would be required under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for 2002-2003. Furthermore, an amount of $65,200 would be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

8. **By its resolution 56/254, the General Assembly appropriated $98,338,700 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for 2002-2003. Since that provision has been more than fully allocated to operations approved by the General Assembly or the Security Council, the additional requirements of $163,900 net ($229,100 gross) that would arise should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.48 would have to be treated under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213. Accordingly, additional appropriations in the amounts outlined above in paragraph 7 would be required for the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.**

Annex

Personnel costs

1. A provision in the amount of $170,900 is required for the salary of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General, at the Under-Secretary-General level, for a maximum of 270 days in 2003, at the rate applicable to individuals engaged on a when-actually-employed basis, and for the salaries and common staff costs of one P-3 Political Affairs and one local staff, who would provide support to the Special Envoy.

Travel

2. Provision amounting to $127,200 is also required for the travel of the Special Envoy to Myanmar and neighbouring countries within the region, Europe and North America. Requirements for travel include airfare, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses for an estimated 30 trips, with each trip lasting, on average, two days and a half.

Operating costs

3. Requirements for miscellaneous services, including telephone calls, facsimile charges and other miscellaneous services are estimated at $9,300.